

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1-11 as anticipated by or obvious in view of Thompson (U.S. 4,561,124). Independent claim 1 requires an inner lining disposed inside the outer fabric covering of the garment, and the examiner asserts that Thompson discloses an inner lining. The applicant respectfully disagrees. Thompson discloses only an outer fabric and a pocket assembly which is sewn inside the garment to the outer fabric from inseam to outseam which envelopes a knee pad. Thompson does not describe a garment with an inner lining as is ordinarily understood in the art.

Nevertheless, claim 1 is amended to clarify that the inner lining lines essentially the entire garment. In view of the amendment, claim 1 is not anticipated by Thompson, and therefore dependent claims 2-10 are new and patentably distinct.

Claim 10 is amended to add the limitation that the garment contains an inner lining which lines substantially all of the garment to which the knee pad pocket is sewn.

New claim 12 is added which covers the preferred embodiment.

In summary, claims 1-12 remain in the application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims and passage to issue is requested.

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